

POETRY.
TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.
Old Time is the drollest of wags,
And puzzles the world with his rules:
He gave all to-day to the wise,
To-morrow he promised the fools.

At first he made mought but to-day,
With his joys, his successes, and sorrow;
Then to keep on good terms with the world,
He promised he'd make a to-morrow.

The idle rejoiced at the news,
Put their hands in their pockets and slept,
Believing the promise of Time
Would be most religiously kept.

They never conceived that the rogue
Had promised to-morrow in fun,
So quietly to decay,
Leaving all to-day's work to be done.

At last they woke up to find
To-morrow was really a myth,
And thought they'd do with too late,
If they had the time to do with.

They prayed old Time to return,
"Was merely the wasting of breath,
For they found, as he laughed and flew on,
That to-morrow was nothing but death."

The Playmate.
The pines were dark on Ramoth Hill,
Their songs were soft and low,
The blossoms in the sweet May wind
Were falling like the snow.

The blossoms drifted at our feet,
The orchard birds sang clear,
The sweetest and the saddest day
It seemed of all the year.

For more to me than bird or flower,
My playmate left her home,
And took with her the laughing Spring
The music, and the bloom.

She kissed the lips of him and kin,
She laid her hand on his forehead,
What more could ask the faithful boy,
Who fed her father's kind?

She left us in the bloom of May,
The constant years told o'er,
Their seasons with us were no more,
But she came back no more.

I walked, with noiseless feet, the round
Of uneventful years;
Still o'er and o'er I saw the Spring
And reap the Autumn ears.

She lives where all the golden year
Her summer roses bloom,
The dusky children of the sun
Before her come and go.

There, haply, with her jeweled hands,
She smooths her silken gown,
No more the homely bag wherein
I took the walnuts down.

The wild-grass waits us by the brook,
The brown nut on the hill,
And still the May-day flowers make sweet
The woods of Folly Hill.

The lilies blossom in the pond,
The bird sings in the tree,
The dark pines sing on Ramoth Hill
The slow song of the sea.

I wonder if she thinks of them,
And how the old days run,
If e'er the pines of Ramoth Wood
Are sounding in her dream.

I see her face—I hear her voice;
Does she remember mine,
And what to her is now the boy
Who fed her father's kind?

What care she that the orioles build
For others than their own?
That other hands with ants are filled,
The others with their down?

The winds, so sweet with birch and fern,
A sweeter memory blow;
Tut! tut! in Spring the vernal sing
The song of long ago.

And still the pines of Ramoth Hill
Are mourning like the sea,
The mourning of a sea of change
Between myself and thee.

—J. G. Whitier.

THE LITTLE SCHOOL
TEACHER.
"Mother, you are making me miser-
able—very miserable, indeed, and only
a month ago I was unutterably happy."
"Your misery is ephemeral, my dear
son. The time will come, perhaps,
when you will bless me for my inter-
ference that now you consider unwise and
cruel."

"He is about his age, and certainly he
could not find a finer nor more elegant
creature."
This was just what his mother thought,
and this is just why she had brought
herself to reason with her obstinate
son on that sweet, summer day.

"The time will come, perhaps, when
you will bless me for my interference,
that now you consider unwise and
cruel."

"What objection have you to Rossie
to Miss Lynde—mother, as my wife?"
"What objection? How can you ask?
Do you—do you any one know anything
about her or her antecedents? It is
true that she was brought to the village
by an apparently very venerable and
respectable person. Her certificate of
character and ability seemed to be ev-
erything irreproachable. I admit, but
not one of us—not one member of the
Board of Education had ever before
heard the names of the honorable and
reverend gentlemen's names here an-
nounced to those certificates. They
may be forgeries, and she an adventu-
ress; and indeed, that is the general
opinion since you—"

"Since I have openly expressed my
respect for her, and publicly announced
my intention of making her my wife,
interrupted Mr. Leo Severne.

"Has it come to that, my son?"
Her son was deeply moved by her
hurt and reproachful voice.
"Mother," he said in kind remon-
strance, "I love Rossie Lynde so well
that unless she becomes my wife, I
shall never marry."

"And you have repeatedly said, my
boy, that you would never wed a wom-
an whom you could not love better than
the mother who idolizes you. O, Leo,
if you disobey me it will be my death,"
she cried, in anguish. "If you must
marry, why not turn your heart toward
our dear Leonie. Indeed, my boy, I
have long had my mind fixed on your
union with her."

Leo Severne gazed at his parent in
amazement for a long moment.
"My mother, you must be out of your
senses quite," he gasped. "Do you
know her record?"

A faint flush hovered over the with-
ered cheeks.
"Do you know anything more than
mere rumor?" she inquired, huskily.

"Such a rumor is quite enough," he
said. "I have known her for years, and
possible heirs to the will of a capricious
uncle, loved her; she schemed to marry
the richest. Believing that the uncle's
choice was made, she made every prepa-
ration for her nuptials with the puta-
tive favorite. On the eve of her wed-
ding she learned her mistake and
eloped with and married the true heir.
The deserted bridegroom went mad, and
killed himself. When the deceived hus-
band learned the truth a year after, he
took his baby daughter and left her
forever, assured that her sordid soul
would be consoled by the fortune for
which she had married him, and which
he left subject to her control for a time.

A few months after the tidings came
that the husband and child had been
lost at sea. That is how Mrs. Chisholm
became a rich widow."

"You have almost a fool's faculty of
exaggerating things said to have occur-
red years ago, and a thousand miles
from here. Indeed, you speak assured-
ly," responded the lady, with a bit-
terness that ill became the sweet old face.

"I speak knowingly," returned the
agitated gentleman, with quite as much
bitterness; "and if not, my assertions
surely could be no more malevolent
than those of those village croakers and
nocturnalities, who are only invidious to
my Rossie because I have refused to
take a help-mate at their liking—or
among them rather. Oh, mother, dear,
do not suppose in the dearest wish
of my life. We could live so happily
together—you, Rossie and I."

"We will not discuss this matter any
longer to-day," said Mrs. Severne, set-
ting her firm teeth sternly upon her thin
white lips, as she dismissed him with a
gesture of outraged dignity.

As the door closed behind him she
saw from her luxurious chair, and go-
ing to the window watched him passing
down the walk.

"He is too good a son to marry with-
out my consent; and that, he will never
have unless he gives up this girl for Le-
onie," she mused, and then she grew
strangely pale. "The Severnes have
never yet stooped to sly deeds even to
gain a worthy end, and I fear it is
left to me to be a diplomatist. My son,
I shall become an intriguer for your
sake."

What she meant was in that moment
only a chaotic idea, but it found shape
and form the next day in a laconic let-
ter to Rossie Lynde, without a signature.

Rossie was sitting at her desk when
it came, and her weary dark eyes grew
troubled as she broke the seal, for there
was something ominous in her sensi-
tive perceptions in the very perfume of
the envelope that bore her name in
quaint, heavy, and nervous strokes.

She read swiftly, taking in every
word with a clear intensity that was
the proof of pain.

"His infatuation of many a girl like
him has lasted but for a day. With
him 'what's won is done.' The only
lady he will make his wife, is Leonie
Chisholm, to whom he is betrothed. Go
to her and ask her, if you will not
believe to me, though friendly to
you, must remain unknown. His moth-
er despises you as you must know, and
ready from the manner with which
he has persistently ignored your presence
in the place. Take warning and leave
the village if you would not be undone.
Of course you know what they are
saying about you here in consequence
of his secret and doubtful attentions."

"Many things—little slights and hints
from the watchful villagers came to
her memory, and those things seem-
ed to exaggerate the subtle poison of
the letter.

She would go away at once and for-
ever.

"I am really glad that you have re-
signed your position and are going
home, Miss Lynde," said her landlady,
standing on the threshold of her nar-
row door and curiously watching the
slim, shrinking figure; "I would have
advised you to do this long ago, if I
had thought you would have taken it
kindly. You see it hurts a poor girl
young as you, when rich bachelors, not
too old, take a fancy to them, special-
ly, when it is all secret like."

"I do not understand you," was the
proud and indifferent answer.
"I am afraid Mrs. Chisholm would
pretend not to understand, too," was
the last significant and cruel thrust.
"I will send for my baggage," re-
turned Rossie, quietly, as she walked
away.

read, his keen lover perceptions caught
the guarded anguish of every line, and
he knew instinctively that only the
grossest of falsehoods could have
wrought so sudden a separation.

"I will find you, my love, and make
you mine if the world opposes me," he
cried.

But, albeit his firm determination,
he was very desolate. He wandered
into the garden, and from thence into a
parlor fitted up exclusively for the most
favored guests.

It was a beautiful room, with ex-
quisitely rich walls and ceilings painted
as his own quality fancy had suggested.
One standing at the entrance would
imagine a bower of living foliage and
flowers, behind and above which were
glimpses of a blue summer sky touch-
ed with rosy clouds. The carpet was
like a still amber lake with golden-
petaled water lilies strewn over it in
natural confusion. Only the carved
head, the ottomans and chairs, the
vases and the ornate clock with its
ceaseless ticking on the mantle—only
these things could dispel the illusion.

In this room he had meant to bring
Rossie, and ask his mother to bless their
love.

But she was gone, and unless he
found her, life would never be the same
again.

He threw himself in a chair and
buried his head in his arms upon the
chill, cold marble of the table.

Presently a little rustle of perfume
air swept over him.

He did not hear her heed it.

A woman, magnificently beautiful,
came through the length of the room
toward him, and he held there by the
herald of her presence. Neither the fall
of her hair, nor the sweep of her
royal train, made a single sound as
they crossed the rich carpet.

And yet this woman was beautiful—
her hair, black as night, was bound
in great, lustrous coils about her small
imperial head, and held there by a
diamond hilted dagger. Her skin was
colorless and satiny; her eyes, like
burning jet, were veiled with lashes of
lovely length; her lips were like a cleft
cherry; her every feature was perfec-
tion. She wore some queenly dress of
purple velvet, mingled with satin that
had the glint of mother-of-pearl, and
diamonds and pearls blazed on her
bosom, and on her delicate fingers and
wrists.

Many a man had knelt at the feet of
the haughty and peerless Leonie Chisholm,
but none had stirred her heart as
did Leo Severne in this hour as she
saw him there, bowed low in his sud-
den misery.

"What do you come to comfort you if
you will listen to what I have to say,"
said the fair woman, tenderly touching
his bowed head with her jeweled hands.

He lifted himself and looked at her.
His blue eyes darkened with resent-
ment.

"What do you know of my trouble,
that you can help me?" he asked, al-
most fiercely.

The woman could not command the
skill of her coquetry just then. His
steady eyes confused her, and she for-
got the prelude of the pretty speech
she had coined for the occasion, and
like Vivien, she used her hints inop-
portunately, and flattered forth a quota-
tion.

"Of some who prized him more
than you should prize him most,"
said Leonie, King Arthur, the gentle-
man gazed upon her blankly.

I would never have run away from
you in such a secret and cowardly way,
Leo," she continued, in a nervous frenzy
of ardor and embarrassment.

"Please speak plain, Mrs. Chisholm,
and tell me exactly what you mean,"
said Severne, with a shadow of vexa-
tion and disgust creeping over his face.

"Oh, Leo, I thought you knew," an-
swered the woman, in the random of
utter confusion. "I have been led to
suppose that you only fancied that
creature, Rossie Lynde, and that you
really loved me. Oh, I did believe it."

Her hard, black eyes grew soft with
pity, pitiful tears, that another man
might not have resisted at such a time.

But Mrs. Leonie Chisholm was
looked upon him knew her doom.

And Mrs. Severne coming in hur-
riedly, saw that one of her dearest
hopes was wholly frustrated.

nal parentage, until these late and ro-
mantic developments had forced him
to do so.

It was then, for the first time, that
she knew that her father had a right to
the distinguished cognomen by which
he had refused to be known for so long.

But Rossie Chisholm was just as dear
to Leo Severne as Rossie Lynde had
been, and at an early day he told her
so.

A grand and joyous wedding follow-
ed after a becoming time, and none
congratulated her more lovingly than
Leo's mother.

And Rossie never spoke of the cruel
letter that had caused her flight, for
she well knew who had instigated the
action.

And so well loved did Mrs. Rossie
Severne become, that the most imma-
gine of the villagers found it the fash-
ion to copy her virtues as well as her
garments, and those who had once re-
viled most, now praised most, the whilom
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herby give notice to the Taxpayers of said county, that the taxes listed on each HUNDRED
DOLLARS valuation of Taxable Property for the year 1878, for all purposes in the several
Townships and Corporations, are as follows:

State Levy.	County Levy.	Total.
Sinking Fund..... 05 cts.	County Fund..... 13 cts.	18 cts.
General Revenue Fund..... 04 cts.	Bridge Fund..... 05 cts.	09 cts.
Asylum Fund..... 10 cts.	Prison Fund..... 10 cts.	20 cts.
School Fund..... 10 cts.	Building Fund..... 10 cts.	20 cts.
Total..... 20 cts.	Total..... 38 cts.	58 cts.

Township or Corporation.	County Levy.	Total Levy.
Colerain	03 07 07	30 64 84
Flushing	05 02 05	37 64 101
Flushing Corporation	05 02 05	38 64 107
Flushing School District	05 02 05	37 64 101
Goshen	05 05 10	35 64 96
Kirkwood	05 02 05	32 64 96
Fairview School District	05 02 05	37 64 101
Fairview Corporation	05 02 05	35 64 96
Mead	10 20 20	68 64 132
Pease	05 05 25	33 64 99
Bridgeport Corporation	05 05 15	30 64 144
Bridgeport School District	05 05 15	60 64 124
Martin's Ferry School District	05 05 70	60 64 144
Martin's Ferry Corporation	05 05 70	120 64 189
Pultney	10 10 10	45 64 107
Belmont Corporation	05 10 10	45 64 107
St. Clairsville Corporation	05 10 10	81 64 145
St. Clairsville School District	05 10 10	54 64 118
Smith	05 10 10	28 64 87
Union	05 11 04	28 64 89
Morristown School District	05 05 45	55 64 119
Morristown Corporation	05 05 45	30 64 114
Warren	05 20 20	168 64 128
Warrenville Corporation	05 20 20	40 20 127
Barnesville School District	07 20 20	79 64 143
Washington	10 10 10	66 64 120
Wayne	10 10 10	42 64 108
Wheeling	05 10 10	28 64 87
York	10 10 10	50 64 114
Powhatan School District	10 10 10	55 64 119

The following are the provisions of the act of April 24, 1878, with reference to the Semi-
Annual collection of Taxes:
Section 1. That each person charged with Taxes on a Tax Duplicate in the hands of a
County Treasurer may, at his option, pay the full amount of such Taxes on or before the
Twentieth day of December, or one-half thereof on or before the Twentieth day of Decem-
ber, and the remaining half thereof on or before the Twentieth day of June next ensuing.
Section 2. When one-half of the taxes as aforesaid, charged against any entry on a Tax
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Treasurer shall proceed to collect the same by distress or otherwise, as may at the time be
prescribed by law, together with a penalty of five per centum on the amount of taxes so de-
linquent, and in all cases where such half of any taxes, other than on real estate, shall not
have been paid on the Twentieth day of December, the whole amount of taxes, other than on
real estate, for the current year so charged, shall be due and delinquent, and shall be collected
in the manner and with the penalty in this section.

Section 3. When one-half of taxes charged against any entry of real estate, shall not be
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Treasurer shall proceed to collect the same by distress or otherwise, as may at the time be
prescribed by law, together with a penalty of five per centum on the amount of taxes so de-
linquent, and in all cases where such half of any taxes, other than on real estate, shall not
have been paid on the Twentieth day of December, the whole amount of taxes, other than on
real estate, for the current year so charged, shall be due and delinquent, and shall be collected
in the manner and with the penalty in this section.

Section 7. When one-half of taxes charged against any entry of real estate, shall not be
paid on or before the Twentieth day of December in each year, or collected by distress or
otherwise prior to the February settlement, as authorized by this act, a penalty of fifteen per
cent. thereon shall be added to such half of said taxes on the duplicate, and if said taxes and
penalty, including the remaining half of the taxes as aforesaid, charged against any entry on a
Tax Duplicate in the hands of a County Treasurer shall not be paid on or before the Twentieth
day of December next, after the same